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Dear Petitions Officer:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents to make the aboveidentified application special pursuant to 37 CFR 1.102(c), as the present invention will materially enhance the quality of the environment. The invention provides systems and methods for collecting and reusing gray water, the wider adoption and use of which is urgently needed to conserve fresh water supplies. The present invention provides improvements in this area, and accordingly Applicants request special status.

Respectfully submitted,

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